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Our Case No. 10000/212

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

DAVID M. HARDIN ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/699,487

Filing Date: October 31, 2003

For: HANDLE FOR MEDICAL DEVICES, AND
MEDICAL DEVICE ASSEMBLIES
INCLUDING A HANDLE

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) Examiner: Matthew J. Kasztejna

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2004, please reconsider the rejection in view of the amendment and remarks presented herein. Please amend the application as follows: